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SUBJECT: TRADE COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIP

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER MISSION HAS RECEIVED FROM
SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO OECD ANNOUNCING CANDIDACY OF
BRATTSTROM FOR TC CHAIRMANSHIP:

BEGIN TEXT:

I HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY AMBASSADOR EMMEL THAT THE PRES-
ENT CHAIRMAN OF THE TRADE COMMITTEE, STATSSEKRETER DR.
HERMES, WILL NOT STAND FOR REELECTION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE
COMMITTEE WHEN THIS QUESTION COMES UP LATER THIS YEAR,
AND THAT MRS. HELGA STEEG WILL COME FORWARD AS A CANDI-
DATE FOR PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE.

ACCORDING TO INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM MY AUTHORITIES
I AM WRITING TO INFORM YOU THAT THE SWEDISH GOVERNMENT
ALSO WISHES TO PRESENT A CANDIDATE FOR THE CHAIRMANSHIP
OF THE TRADE COMMITTEE, NAMELY MR. STIG BRATTSTROM WHO
HAS RECENTLY SUCCEEDED MR. HAS EWERLOF AS DEPUTY UNDER-
SECRETARY OF STATE AND HEAD OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR INTER-
NATIONAL ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS IN THE SWEDISH MINISTRY
FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE. MR.
BRATTSTROM SHOULD BE WELL KNOWN IN THE OECD THROUGH HIS
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PARTICIPATION I.A. IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPECIAL

SESSION AND THE HIGH LEVEL GROUP FOR COMMODITIES.

MY GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS THAT MR. BRATTSTROM IS A HIGHLY QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FOR THE IMPORTANT TASK AS CHAIRMAN OF THE TRADE COMMITTEE. HE HAS A WIDE EXPERIENCE IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND TRADE MATTERS GAINED FROM HIS WORK WITH QUESTIONS CONCERNING GATT, UNCTAD, UN AND OECD.

CONSIDERING OUR GREAT INTEREST IN THE WORK OF THE TRADE COMMITTEE AND THE FACT THAT SWEDEN HOLDS NO CHAIRMANSHIP IN ANY OTHER OECD COMMITTEE I HOPE THAT YOUR AUTHORITIES WILL GIVE FAVORABLE ATTENTION TO MR. BRATTSTROM'S CANDIDATURE.

END TEXT

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